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Congratulating Head Coach Adam Tardif
2022 All Western New York Coach of the Year

WHEREAS, *Adam Tardif* became the head coach of Lackawanna High School Football in 2011, with a mission to return the program to its historic success; and

WHEREAS, Coach Tardif saw Lackawanna football as a powerhouse and witnessed the making of a championship program when the Steelers won back to back New York Public High School State Champions in 1997 and 1998; and

WHEREAS, Adam Tardif, a lifelong Western New York resident and graduate of the University of Buffalo, led the Lackawanna High School Football team to a 12-1 record and finished 2nd in the Buffalo News ranking for small schools; and

WHEREAS, after going 5-4 last season, Lackawanna won its first Section VI title since 2008, holding off Fredonia in the Class C final, 22-20; and

WHEREAS, the Steelers then won the Far West Regional with a 14-6 victory against Attica before the season ended 29-20 to Section III's General Brown in the state semifinals; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach Tarif and his staff including Rodney Randolph (offensive coordinator), C.J. Myles Jr. (defensive coordinator), Marcus Rivers (wide receivers/defensive backs), along with assistants Rodrick Richardson and Danny Conrad, the Steelers defense held opponents to 10.9 points per game and six opponents were held to single digits; and

WHEREAS, the Steelers had many talented individuals displaying good character, with many of them earning All-WNY accolades, such as quarterback Billy Gechell, defensive star Sunday Ikegwuonu, running back Antwan Threeths, linebacker Chamarr Ware and cornerback Shyheim Smalls; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his success on the field, Adam has been part of the Lackawanna City School District as a science teacher for over two decades and also serves at the Chair of the Science Department; and

WHEREAS, *Adam Tardif* has worked hard and dedicated his time to cultivate a culture of family-first and his student athletes have benefited immensely from his leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature congratulates *Adam Tardif* on an exceptional coaching career on earning Coach of the Year honors, winning the Section VI Championship (Class C), the 2022 Far West Regional Class C Championship, and most importantly on his service as “Coach Tardif” over these past 11 years to many student-athletes and commends him on his dedication to Lackawanna’s student athletes the mark he’s left on shaping Western New York athletics.

Hon. John J. Gilmour
Erie County Legislator, 9th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature